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A. J. STARLING APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF THE TENNESSEE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

(NASHVILLE, TN, March - 2006) — A. J. Starling, Director of Political Activities for the Tennessee AFL-CIO, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Commissioners of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC), a state agency charged with safeguarding Tennesseans from discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, disability, age (over 40), national origin, or familial status in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodation.

"I am pleased with the appointment of A. J. Starling to the board. He has considerable knowledge of employment and labor laws. His unique experiences, skills and knowledge will be valuable to the commission and all Tennesseans," said Spencer Wiggins, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Starling, who has served eighteen years with TN AFL-CIO, is very involved in the Nashville community and political activities. He is a member of the workforce Investment Board (WIA #9), State of Tennessee Tax Structure Study Commission, a Red Cross board member, State President of the Asa Phillip Randolph Institute, a trustee of Westwood Baptist Church, Coach of the AAU boys' basketball team. He and his wife, Marieta, have two sons, Jeff and Andrae.

For more information about the commission or if you believe you have experienced housing or employment discrimination, call the THRC at 1-800-251-3589 or visit the agency's website at www.state.tn.us/humanrights/.

